

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 34 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels claims 17 through 32 without prejudice. Thus, claims 1 through 16, 33, and 34 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment.

Claims 1 through 6, 8, 13 through 16, 33, and 34 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 20 of U.S. Patent No. 7,037,744. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.321 thereby rendering moot the rejections of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 1 through 6, 8, 13 through 16, 33, and 34 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1 through 6, 8, 13 through 16, 33, and 34 are respectfully requested.

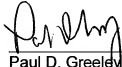
Claims 7 and 9 through 12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7 and 9 through 12 have been amended accordingly so as to render moot the rejections to claims 7 and 9 through 12. Claims 7 and 9 through 12 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 7 and 9 through 12 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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